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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

My name is Mary Ellen Pinion and I am a resident of Bremen, Alabama. I am writing to request that you settle the Microsoft matter as soon as possible.

I have been a MSFT stock investor for several years and I have closely observed the MSFT court proceedings. It seems to me the Utah Senator complaints stem from interest in his home state based company. Also, I thought Netscape folks were out of the big picture some time ago.

The Microsoft case has been pending now for over three years. I understand that Microsoft has agreed to settle the case by opening their Windows operating systems to competition from non-Microsoft software, and by agreeing to avoid restrictive contractual agreements under which manufacturers, distributors and other third parties would be required to distribute or promote Windows technology exclusively. This certainly seems like a fair resolution of the matter to me.

I hope that you can wrap up this case in the very near future. The more time these companies spend in Court, the less time they have to help the economy grow. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
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